

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Please amend the following paragraphs:

[0001] The present application is a ~~continuation-in-part~~continuation application of U.S. Patent Application Serial Number ~~10/256,160~~ (filed September 26, 2002) entitled "Artificial Intervertebral Disc Having Limited Rotation Using a Captured Ball and Socket Joint With a Solid Ball and Compression Locking Post" now U.S. Pat. 6,989,032 ("the '032 patent"), which is a continuation-in-part ~~continuation-in-part~~ application of U.S. Patent Application Serial Number ~~10/175,417~~ (filed June 19, 2002) entitled "Artificial Intervertebral Disc Utilizing a Ball Joint Coupling", which is a continuation-in-part ~~continuation-in-part~~ application of U.S. Patent Application Serial Number ~~10/151,280~~ (filed May 20, 2002) entitled "Tension Bearing Artificial Disc Providing a Centroid of Motion Centrally Located Within an Intervertebral Space", which is a continuation-in-part ~~continuation-in-part~~ application of both U.S. Patent Application Serial Number ~~09/970,479~~ (filed October 4, 2001) entitled "Intervertebral Spacer Device Utilizing a Spirally Slotted Belleville Washer Having Radially Extending Grooves" now U.S. Pat. 6,669,730 ("the '730 patent") as well as U.S. Patent Application Serial Number ~~10/140,153~~ (filed May 7, 2002) entitled "Artificial Intervertebral Disc Having a Flexible Wire Mesh Vertebral Body Contact Element" now abandoned, the former being a continuation-in-part ~~continuation-in-part~~ application of U.S. Patent Application Serial Number ~~09/968,046~~ (filed October 1, 2001) entitled "Intervertebral Spacer Device Utilizing a Belleville Washer Having Radially Extending Grooves" now abandoned and the latter being a continuation-in-part ~~continuation-in-part~~ application of both U.S. Patent Application Serial Number ~~09/970,479~~the '730 patent (detailed above) as well as U.S. Patent Application Serial Number ~~10/128,619~~ (filed April

23, 2002) entitled "Intervertebral Spacer Having a Flexible Wire Mesh Vertebral Body Contact Element" now U.S. Pat. 6,863,689 ("the '689 patent"), which is a continuation-in-part ~~continuation-in-part~~ application of both U.S. Patent Application ~~Serial Number~~ 09/906,119 (filed July 16, 2001) and entitled "Trial Intervertebral Distraction Spacers" now U.S. Pat. 6,607,559 ("the '559 patent") as well as U.S. Patent Application ~~Serial Number~~ 09/982,148 (filed October 18, 2001) and entitled "Intervertebral Spacer Device Having Arch Shaped Spring Elements" now U.S. Pat. 6,673,113 ("the '113 patent"). All of the above mentioned applications are hereby incorporated by reference herein in their respective entireties.